

January 1999 Newsletter

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1999 Joys to You!

Cold, windy, icy, but no lovely white stuff. Very nice having a little bit of snow for Christmas tho'! Hope your holidays were terrific--mine were, thank you! And to start 1999 off very right, you must come to the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church, Monday, January 18, 7:30 pm to see the watercolor demo by Joan McKinney. We all know and admire Joan and her work; she is, after all, an RVAA member as well as being a member of the NJWCS, the GSWS, AAPL, the PA. Watercolor Society, and the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Club, NYC, and a multi-award winner. More to the point you'll enjoy and learn from the demo. Thanks to Debbie Tintle, our Program Chairwoman!

Thank you's are due to several people, especially to Elsa Herrmann for once again running the judged part of our annual Holiday Show, and to John Spitzmiller for doing the high ladder hanging for a couple of hours, and Doug Axmann for also helping to hang. Our thanks to Nona Rutter who got our terrific annual dinner at the Main Street Restaurant going. We had a very good evening with a special tribute to Art Trippanera and some words on Art from our guest, Art's daughter (and new RVAA member) Nina Trippanera. Vice-president Ed Golubiewski again surprised RVAA workers with his hand carved and handsome wooden fish! And artist and framer member Florence White answered our framing questions.

Congratulations to the following show winners!

Best in Show, the (Florence White) Framing Certificate Award--Elsa Herrmann

Pro-under glass:

First, and the Arthur Trippanera Memorial Award: Fran Maurer

Second: Diana Patton

Third: Florence White

Pro-not-under glass:

First: Sonja Weir

Second: Eleanor Morehouse

Third: Doug Axmann

Non-pro under glass:

First: Sherry Engelberg

Second: Jennifer Hughes

Third: Kathy Blair

Non-pro-not under glass:

First: Eleanor DeMott

Second: Angela Fehrenback

Third: Debbie Hughes

And as for the rest of our Holiday Show, after our Treasurer, Marion Cornwall, and I get together, I'll have detailed results. Preliminary results show a little over \$1600. came in, with by far the most popular prices being \$55. and under. More on that in February's Newsletter. Let me thank all the Show Sitters; we needed you there for all the impulse holiday shoppers.

We've recently heard of the deaths of two former RVAA members: Libby Winters and Bob Murray. Although they haven't been active in RVAA for a while, we remember them and sympathize with their families. I know when I first got involved with RVAA (in '75 or '76) Bob was President of RVAA and he also was Treasurer for several terms.

#### MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

RVAA members Linda Arnold, Susan Furey, and Connie Gray were accepted into the juried Garden State Watercolor Society Associates' Show at Stark & Stark and Susan Furey did a demo at the company during the show.

Ellen Faber and Nancy Jorgensen were two of the five artists in the First Annual Holiday Art Show & Sale, Dec.5-Jan 2 in "The Gallery at the Coffee & Cream Cafe at Hillsborough Centre. Their opening reception, with special music, was December 5th.

Fran Maurer won Second in the National Contest sponsored by Winsor & Newton (and in AMERICAN ARTIST magazine) "Artists' Water Colour Goes on Holiday Art Competition". She also won Fourth in the National Competition.

(ed. note: I spoke with Fran--artists were to submit slides of paintings done on holidays, and Fran submitted two slides, the one of Owl's Head, Maine won the Second in the USA! Considering how many thousands enter this, these are extraordinary awards. Well done, Fran!)

Here's a resolution for you all: "I will send Diana any and all news I have, having to do with art. She really wants it!"